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**UTILIZATION OF CATERED MEALS**

1. **PURPOSE:** This bulletin establishes the basic criteria concerning the formal request for and consumption of commercially prepared (catered) meals.

2. **REFERENCES:**

a. Army Regulation 30-22, dated 30 Aug 02.

b. Federal Acquisition Regulation, part 13.106-1, dated 1 Jan 02.

c. ARMY BULLETIN NO. 23, dated 19 Jun 02, SUBJECT: Request For Catered Meals Or Supplemental Items Of Subsistence.

**3. Due to ongoing subsistence funding constraints, utilization of commercially catered meals to subsist soldiers will no longer be the norm but rather the exception, to support the conduct of formally scheduled training activities.**

4. In accordance with, AR 30-22, paragraph 3-41.a, commercially prepared (catered) meals are authorized only when food service personnel or equipment are not authorized or available and support cannot be obtained from another RC or Active Army unit with food service capability.

**5. Effective immediately, upon publication of this bulletin, all units with organic mess equipment and assigned mess personnel, will draw and prepare TISA meals (Class A Rations) for all units conducting either home station training or tactical training at various field training locations. Meals Ready to Eat (MREs), will only be utilized when absolutely necessary to support the conduct of tactical training and or actual operations.**

6. All requests by individual units for commercially prepared (catered) meals will be forwarded through channels to MACOM S4, for review and validation by concerned higher headquarters. MACOM S4 will forward validated requests through the G4-FST for final review, approval and submission to USPFO-SSD-SC, NLT ninety (90) days prior to the actual date of consumption. All requests submitted to the G4-FST with less than ninety (90) days for review will be returned without action to the MACOM S4. Any changes to and/or deviations from a scheduled TISA draw by individual units will be validated in writing and requested through MACOM S4 to the G4-FST as soon as possible, prior to the scheduled ration draw .

7. POC for additional information is CW2 John Garrison, G4-FST, (609) 562-0281.

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